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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRYING BULK  
MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY BARK, SAWDUST,  
PRETREATED SLUDGE OR A MIXTURE OF THESE,  
USE OF A WIRE, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
COOLING WASTE WATER PRODUCED IN A  
PRODUCTION PROCESS OF PULP OR PAPER, PULP  
MILL AND PAPER MILL**

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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the non-U.S. references are enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited. Copies of the International Search Report and a Finnish Search Report are enclosed.

It is noted that EP 0552583 and GB 10670 have been cited in both the Finnish Search Report and the International Search Report.

Further, the following documents are referenced on pages 1 and 2 of the instant application specification:

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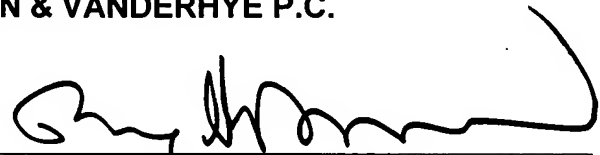
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